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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A method for inputting Japanese letters and a device with which the method is carried out are provided. The method involves prearranging predetermined letters and symbols in a matrix array of M columns and N rows, and inputting a desired letter or symbol by designating the corresponding column and row coordinate. In one embodiment, the designation of the corresponding coordinate is accomplished by use of the pointer of a direction designation unit, the unit having positions corresponding to the coordinates uniformly spaced in a circular pattern.